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WTBA CONGRESS RE-ELECTS KEVIN DORNBERGER PRESIDENT

HONG KONG – Kevin Dornberger of the United States was re-elected president of the World Tenpin Bowling Association Monday for a second four-year term by the WTBA Congress.

The election was one of several major announcements and decisions made by representatives of 90 bowling federations from around the world at the Kowloon Bay International Trade and Exhibition Center.

“I sincerely appreciate the faith the delegates have shown in me by re-electing me to another term,” said Dornberger, who defeated Catalonia’s Joan Ricart. “We have made a lot of progress in the past four years, and I look forward to continuing that progress in the next four years.”

In addition to the presidential election, it was announced Monday that Brunswick would offer \$50,000 in matching funds to the WTBA for worldwide youth development. The funds will be jointly administered by WTBA and Brunswick.

“We are pleased to do this to show our support of competitive bowling around the world,” President of Brunswick Bowling Products Brent Perrier said. “These funds will be used to help build the next generation of youth bowlers.”

The WTBA Congress also made several important legislative decisions, including the creation of a new event – the WTBA World Singles Championships. The event will be held every four years beginning in 2012 when it is hosted in Cypress.

The new event gives WTBA a world championship event every year, filling a void created under the previous calendar. The joint men’s and women’s World Championships will take place in 2013, the Men’s World Championships will take place in 2014 and World Women’s Championships in 2015. Each of those events are also held every four years.

“It’s important for WTBA to conduct a world championship event on an annual basis and this new event accomplishes that goal,” Dornberger said. “The World Singles Championships also gives us an additional event to garner sponsor support and potential international media involvement.”

Other major decisions made by the WTBA Congress:

- The match-play Masters at future World Championships was changed from its current best-of-five format to a round-robin format with the top four players advancing to the medal round.
- Practice times for future World Championships were altered slightly. Instead of 15 minutes of practice before the trios event there will now be 10 minutes, and the five-player team event will change from 25 minutes to 15 minutes. Practice times for the other disciplines remains at 10 minutes.



- Finland's Pekka Korpi was elected first vice president of WTBA, defeating Michael Seymour of Australia in the final round of voting by one vote. Seymour was then elected second vice president.

The World Tenpin Bowling Association, which is made up of more than 100 bowling federations, governs the sport throughout the world. For more information on WTBA and the World Bowling Tour, visit WorldTenpinBowling.com.

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